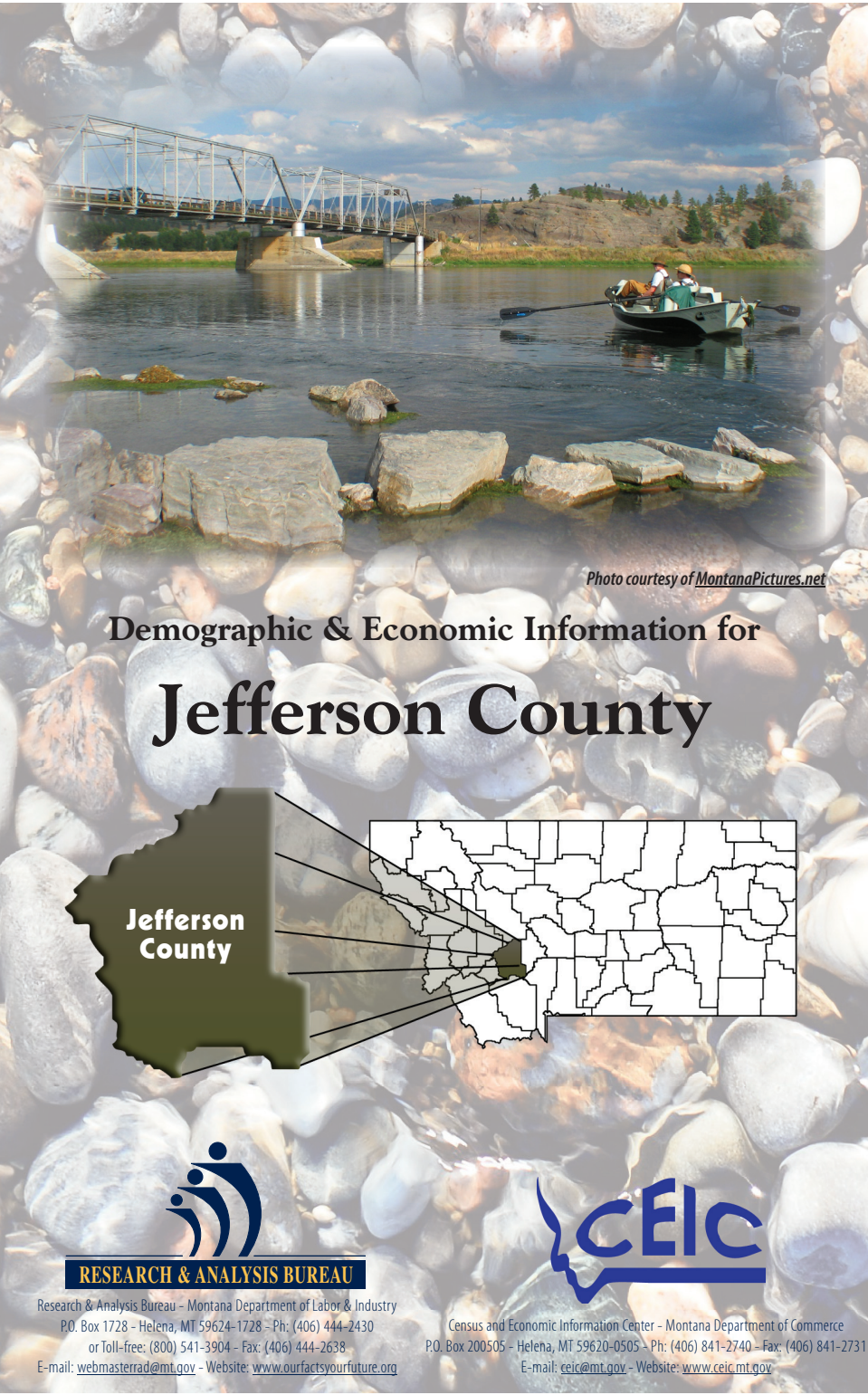


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 "Key Trends in the Jefferson County Area," <http://cwmw.org/read/Downloads/JeffersonA.ppt>  
<http://jeffco.mt.gov/visitors/health.shtml>  
 Montana Department of Labor and Industry, Research and Analysis Bureau, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program

Jefferson County is perhaps best known for its Health Mines, which have been featured in numerous national magazines including National Geographic and Life. Each year, thousands of visitors from all over the world journey to Boulder and Basin to visit one of five mines reputed to relieve pain from ailments such as arthritis, emphysema, bursts, cataracts, and others. The mines' owners do not guarantee visitors will be cured, but many claim breathing the naturally occurring gas within the mines has greatly improved their health.<sup>3</sup>

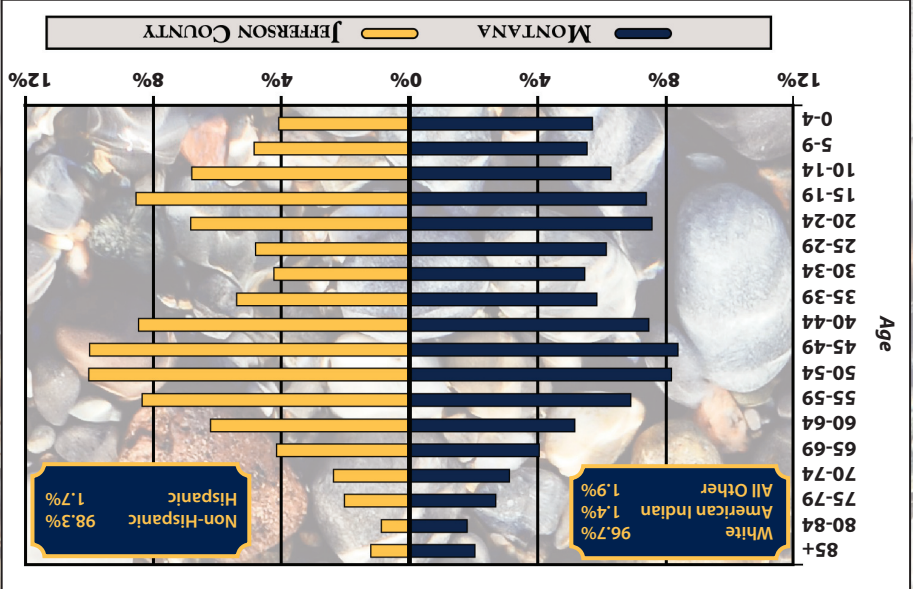
Jefferson County is Montana's seventeenth most populous county, with an estimated 11,170 residents in 2005. Boulder, the county seat, is the state's forty-seventh largest town, with a population estimated at 1,436 in 2005.<sup>1</sup> Other cities and towns in Jefferson County include



## Educational Attainment

Educational Attainment			
Less than High School Diploma	9.8%	12.8%	19.6%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	31.2%	31.3%	28.6%
Some College	25.1%	25.6%	21.0%
Associate Degree	6.2%	5.9%	6.3%
Bachelor's Degree	18.7%	17.2%	15.5%
Master's Degree	5.9%	4.6%	5.9%
Professional Degree	2.3%	1.7%	2.0%
Doctoral Degree	0.7%	0.9%	1.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005 Population Estimates



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

	Census		Estimates					Total Population
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005		
	902,195	906,098	910,395	917,885	926,920	935,670		
	Jefferson County	10,049	10,221	10,415	10,550	10,863	11,170	
	Boulder	1,300	1,322	1,345	1,361	1,399	1,436	
	Whitehall	1,044	1,068	1,088	1,102	1,134	1,156	
Balance of Jefferson County	7,705	7,831	7,982	8,087	8,330	8,578		

## Annual Average Labor Force - Jefferson County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2005	5,597	5,385	212	3.8%
2004	5,548	5,327	221	4.0%
2003	5,445	5,228	217	4.0%
2002	5,366	5,137	229	4.3%
2001	5,439	5,208	231	4.2%
2000	5,377	5,123	254	4.7%

*Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS)*

**2005 Annual Average Wages:**  
 United States: \$40,671  
 Montana: \$29,157  
 Jefferson County: \$28,969

Year	U.S.	MONTANA	JEFFERSON COUNTY
1990	\$35,500	\$26,500	\$31,000
1991	\$35,500	\$26,800	\$30,500
1992	\$36,500	\$27,000	\$31,500
1993	\$36,000	\$27,000	\$31,800
1994	\$35,500	\$26,800	\$31,500
1995	\$36,500	\$26,200	\$31,200
1996	\$36,000	\$26,200	\$32,000
1997	\$38,000	\$26,800	\$30,500
1998	\$39,000	\$27,200	\$31,200
1999	\$40,000	\$27,500	\$29,000
2000	\$40,500	\$27,800	\$28,500
2001	\$40,200	\$28,200	\$28,800
2002	\$40,000	\$28,500	\$29,500
2003	\$40,200	\$28,800	\$29,200
2004	\$40,800	\$29,000	\$29,000
2005	\$40,671	\$29,157	\$28,969

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

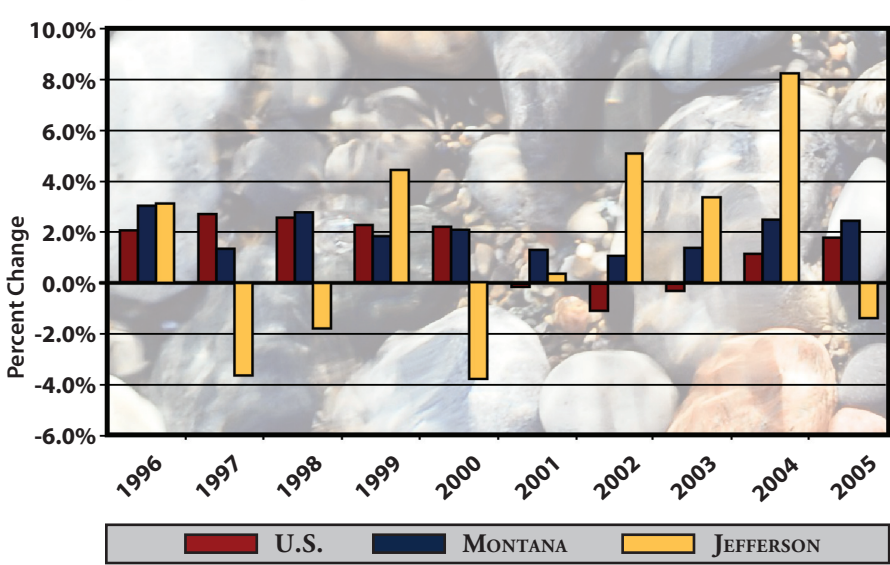
**2004 Per Capita Personal Income:**  
 United States: \$33,050  
 Montana: \$27,657  
 Jefferson County: \$28,436

Year	U.S.	MONTANA	JEFFERSON COUNTY
1990	\$29,500	\$23,500	\$25,500
1991	\$29,000	\$23,800	\$25,200
1992	\$29,500	\$24,200	\$27,200
1993	\$29,200	\$24,000	\$26,500
1994	\$29,500	\$23,500	\$26,200
1995	\$29,800	\$23,800	\$26,200
1996	\$30,500	\$24,200	\$26,500
1997	\$31,200	\$24,800	\$26,500
1998	\$32,500	\$25,500	\$27,200
1999	\$33,200	\$25,500	\$26,800
2000	\$34,200	\$26,200	\$28,500
2001	\$34,000	\$27,200	\$29,000
2002	\$33,800	\$27,500	\$28,500
2003	\$33,800	\$28,200	\$29,200
2004	\$34,500	\$28,800	\$29,500

*Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Regional Economic Information System*



Percent Change in Employment: 1996 to 2005  
U.S., Montana, and Jefferson County



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Top 15 Private Employers in Jefferson County  
(Based on 2nd Quarter 2006 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
A & W Restaurant	4	Jefferson IGA	4
Alternative Youth Adventures	4	Marks-Miller Post & Pole	3
Ash Grove Cement Company	5	Molitor Trucking	4
Boulder Hot Springs	4	Montana City Grill & Saloon	4
Bullock Contracting	4	Montana Tunnels Mine	5
Evergreen Clancy Health & Rehabilitation Center	5	RanchHouse Bakery	3
Golden Sunlight Mine	6	Town Pump	4
		Wagner Nursery & Landscape	4

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 7 = 250 to 499 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 5 = 50 to 99 employees, Class 4 = 20 to 49 employees, Class 3 = 10 to 19 employees

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW) This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads and government agencies are excluded.

Agricultural Statistics - Jefferson County

Farms	
Farms: (number)	372
Land in farms (acres)	387,077
Average size of farms (acres)	1,041
Farms by size: (number)	
Less than 1,000 acres	308
1,000 acres or more	64
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)	
Less than \$100,000	339
\$100,000 or more	33
Farms by type of organization: (number)	
Family, Individual, Partnership	342
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	30

Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested	
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)	
Cattle and calves	23,366
Hogs and pigs	(D)
Sheep and lambs	751
Horses and ponies	1,786
Bison	34
Chickens (layers and broilers)	(D)
Crops Harvested (acres)	
Corn for grain	0
Corn for silage or greenchop	(D)
Wheat for grain, All	(D)
Winter wheat for grain	(D)
Durum wheat for grain	0
Spring wheat for grain	(D)
Barley for grain	1,444
Oats for grain	178
Sunflower seed, All	0
Soybeans for beans	0
Hay, haylage, grass silage	23,090

Operator Demographics	
Primary occupation: (number)	
Farming	180
Other	192
Place of residence: (number)	
On farm operated	326
Not on farm operated	46
Years on present farm: (number)	
Less than 10 years	111
10 years or more	261
Age group: (number)	
Under 55 years	173
55 years and over	199
Average age of operators: (number)	55.1

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002  
(D) - Not Disclosable

Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2005 - Jefferson County

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	288	2,541	\$28,969
TOTAL PRIVATE	249	1,595	\$29,030
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	9	37	\$23,323
Animal production	5	24	\$22,178
Forestry and logging	2	*	*
Agriculture & forestry support	2	*	*
MINING	6	379	\$49,509
Mining, except oil and gas	5	*	*
Support activities for mining	1	*	*
UTILITIES	3	*	*
CONSTRUCTION	55	177	\$26,579
Construction of buildings	17	44	\$21,335
Heavy and civil engineering construction	7	47	\$34,305
Specialty trade contractors	32	86	\$25,066
MANUFACTURING	9	122	\$50,537
Food manufacturing	2	*	*
Wood product manufacturing	2	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	3	*	*
Furniture and related product mfg	1	*	*
Miscellaneous manufacturing	1	*	*
WHOLESALE TRADE	18	42	\$41,474
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	7	21	\$28,815
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	7	16	\$50,085
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	4	5	\$67,221
RETAIL TRADE	17	142	\$14,314
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	4	11	\$24,068
Furniture and home furnishings stores	1	*	*
Building material & garden supply stores	4	33	\$19,450
Food and beverage stores	2	*	*
Gasoline stations	5	55	\$11,529
Miscellaneous store retailers	1	*	*
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	11	95	\$21,394
Truck transportation	7	62	\$27,700
Transit and ground passenger transport	2	*	*
Postal service	1	*	*
Couriers and messengers	1	*	*

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)  
\* Data Not Disclosable

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
INFORMATION	7	7	\$21,942
Publishing industries, except Internet	2	*	*
Telecommunications	4	3	\$34,995
ISPs, search portals, & data processing	1	*	*
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	9	46	\$41,208
Credit intermediation & related activity	2	*	*
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	2	*	*
Insurance carriers & related activities	5	14	\$41,525
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	6	10	\$12,582
Real estate	5	*	*
Rental and leasing services	1	*	*
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	18	37	\$28,117
Professional and technical services	18	37	\$28,117
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	9	38	\$15,638
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	3	5	\$24,887
Educational services	3	5	\$24,887
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	20	188	\$16,936
Ambulatory health care services	9	43	\$18,729
Nursing and residential care facilities	5	105	\$18,741
Social assistance	7	40	\$10,345
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	8	24	\$12,716
Performing arts and spectator sports	2	*	*
Museums, historical sites, zoos, & parks	1	*	*
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	5	17	\$12,877
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	28	209	\$7,892
Accommodation	5	40	\$6,259
Food services and drinking places	24	169	\$8,276
OTHER SERVICES	14	33	\$16,889
Repair and maintenance	5	12	\$25,935
Personal and laundry services	5	17	\$12,610
Membership associations & organizations	3	*	*
Private households	2	*	*
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	39	946	\$28,865
Local Government	12	392	\$25,037
State Government	18	501	\$30,780
Federal Government	9	53	\$39,009

The QCEW program compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)